(b) Does not arise.

**Communal Clashes**

2423. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the incidents of communal clashes in the country during 1987 and the first six months of 1988 Statewise;

(b) the number of major communal clashes during the same period Statewise;

(c) the total number of deaths and value of property lost due to communal clashes, Statewise; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure commual harmony in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) On the basis of available information, two statements showing the requisite particulars are attached at Annexure I and II, respectively (*See* below)

(d) For maintaining communal peace and amity, material support in terms of para-military forces and equipment is provided to the State Governments as and when occasion arises or demands are made to ensure them to effectively manage and control the riot situation on ground. Further the Central Government has circulated a set of guidelines to the State Governments to help them manage communal violence and restore as well as reinforce communal harmony.

Apart from the above, from time to time the National Integration Council has been deliberating on the long term measures for maintaining communal harmony. The report of the Sub-Group of the Standing Committee of the National Integration Council which makes some useful suggestions for strengthening national integration and communal harmony has been commended to the State Governments.

Lessions have been drawn from the recent riots eg. Meerut (U.P.) and based upon this experience a fresh set of guidelines has been circulated to the State Governments on 26th February, 1988.

**Annexure-I**

*Number of communal incidents State wise during* 1987 *and* 1988 (*January to June*, 1988)

| Name of the State | 1987 Number of incidents | 1988 (January to June. 1988) Number of incidents |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Andhra Pradesh . . . . . | 42 | 11 |
| Assam . . . . . | 7 | 1 |
| Bihar . . . . . | 77 | 18 |
| Delhi . . . . . | 7 | 2 |
| Gujarat . . . . . | 141 | 28 |
| J & K . . . . . | 5 | — |
| Haryana . . . . . | — | 1 |
| Karnataka . . . . . | 63 | 23 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| Kerala | 31 | 4 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 54 | 15 |
| Maharashtra | 71 | 61 |
| Meghalaya | 6 | — |
| Orissa | 9 | 5 |
| Rajasthan | 19 | 10 |
| Tamil Nadu | 17 | 5 |
| Tripura | — | 1 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 78 | 24 |
| West Bengal | 62 | 29 |

**Annexure-II**

*Major Communal Incidents and loss of Property, State- ise, during* 1987 *and* 1988 (*January to June*, 1988)

| | No. of persons killed | Loss of property (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1987 | | |
| *Gujarat* : | | |
| Ahmedabad (January, '87) | 10 | 1 92 |
| Ahmedabad (February, '87) | 5 | 2.05 |
| Virpur (April, '87) | 4 | 102.00 |
| Bharuch (May, '87) | 5 | N.A. |
| Baroda (June, '87) | 7 | N.A. |
| *Uttar Pradesh* : | | |
| Meerut (April, '87) | 10 | 4.35 |
| Meerut (May, '87) | 279 | 404.27 |
| *Delhi* | 11 | 72.71 |
| 1988 | | |
| *Maharashtra* : | | |
| Aurangabad (May, 1988) | 11 | 29 55 |
| Paithan (May, 1988) | 7 | 6 85 |
| Bidkin (May, 1988) | 5 | 5.87 |
| *West Bengal* : | | |
| Murshidabad (June, 1988) | 9 | N.A. |

N.A.—Not available